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In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/842,662) Group Art Unit: 1733
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For: CARCASS STRUCTURE FOR)
VEHICLE-WHEEL TYRES AND)
ITS METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING)

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. European Patent Application No. 0 664 231 A1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.
2. French Patent Publication No. 2.055.988
3. French Patent Publication No. 1.317.045
4. French Patent Publication No. 2 678 544
5. Swiss Patent Publication No. 261 443
6. Patent Abstracts of Japan, JP No. 58-105806

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of non-English documents 2-6 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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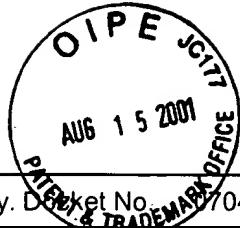
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